



- regulating the continued presence of any foreigner in India or with a view to making arrangements for his expulsion from India.
- preventing them from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of the State or from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order or from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the community it is necessary so to do.
- **Sedition' is an offence incorporated into the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in 1870. Section 124A of the IPC defines sedition and says:**
  - whoever by words either spoken or written or by signs or by visible representation or otherwise brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, the government established by law; or
  - whoever by the above means excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the government established by law, has committed the offence of sedition.
- **Under the present law, it offers scope to consider as seditious**
  - strong criticism against government policies and personalities
  - slogans voicing disapprobation of leaders
  - depictions of an unresponsive or insensitive regime

Refer: <https://www.insightsonindia.com/2021/06/02/national-security-act-nsa-1980/>

18. Consider the following statements about the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC):

1. It is a specialised agency of the United Nations.
2. It has more than 50 members elected for staggered three-year terms on a regional group basis.
3. It passes binding resolutions on human rights issues through a periodic review of all 193 UN member states.

Which of the given above statements is/are not correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (d)

Explanation: **Here the directive word is not correct!!**

- S1: It is not a specialised agency of the UN ([list of UN Specialized Agencies](#))
- S2: The UNHRC has **47 members** serving at any time with elections held to fill up seats every year, based on allocations to regions across the world to ensure geographical representation.
- S3: The UNHRC passes **non-binding resolutions on human rights issues** through a periodic review of all 193 UN member states called **the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**.
- **Who are UN Special Rapporteurs?**
  - They are independent experts working on behalf of the United Nations. They work on a country or a thematic mandate specified by the United Nations Human Rights Council.